Docket No.: 043888-0497

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of : Customer Number: 53080

Akihito KAMEI, et al. : Confirmation Number: 8270

Application No.: 10/588,546 : Group Art Unit: 1743

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For: STIRRING METHOD, CELL, AND MEASURING APPARATUS USING THE SAME

SECOND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Mail Stop Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-referenced application, please amend the application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims begin on Page 2; and

Remarks begin on Page 6.